

is. Confused about their role in supporting that policy. But it should not come as a surprise.

Mixed up and muddled. Confused signals and uncertain direction. Actions that belie statements. This has been the recent legacy. No wonder people are confused.

When these things happen, who is responsible? Who do we look to? You have to look to the people who set the course. Remember that the CDC comes under the Public Health Service, which works for the Surgeon General. And who was our last Surgeon General? Joycelyn Elders. Recall that she was the one who sounded the call for legalization in the first days of the Clinton administration. There was never any meaningful response. Certainly the decimated Drug Czar's office could mount no convincing reply. Unfortunately, Dr. Elders' remarks remain

fixed in public memory. Everyone remembers her, who remembers anything said by the Drug Czar? Or the President?

We have seen lately a born-again drug policy from the administration, the message is still unclear. Evidently, the CDC is still confused. But their confusion is no orphan.

When the message broadcast from the top is contradictory. When it is hedged with qualifiers. When the guidance is unclear, it should come as no surprise to find bungling at the bottom.

Here we have the Centers for Disease Control, part of our national effort to fight the war on drugs, lending its name and prestige against the war of drugs. The right hand of this administration does not know what the left hand is up to. Lack of leadership trickles down. Is it any wonder that teenage

drug use is on the rise? Is it any wonder that kids are unclear on why it is both harmful and wrong to use drugs? When you do not know where you are going, is it any wonder that you get lost? The failure of leadership demands a high price.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, and pursuant to the provisions of Senate Resolution 234, in memory of a great Senator and devoted friend of so many of us, the late Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine, the Senate stands adjourned.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:11 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 28, 1996, at 9 a.m.